APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 2/14/2008

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: NAB – 2007-09183-P08 (MORGAN RUN #7 AMD TREATMENT PROJECT)

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C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Pennsylvania County/parish/borough: Decatur Township/ Clearfield County City: Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 40.90589° N. Long. 78.36005° W. Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed tributary to Morgan Run Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: West Branch of the Susquehanna River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 02050203 Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: September 2006 ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): 12/7/2004, 12/21/2004, and 6/27/2006
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B.	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	ere Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
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	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual and OHW Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable): Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional Explain:

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

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SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

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A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1.	Identify TNW:	
	Summarize rationale supporting determination:	

Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

CHANNEL E THAT FEEDS WETLAND A

Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: Less than 20 acres Drainage area: Less than 20 acres

Average annual rainfall: 42.62 inches from WETS Table

Average annual snowfall:38.5 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW: ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW. Project waters are **30 (or more)** river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW. Project waters are 30 (or more) aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A.

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West

	to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, to the mainsttem, and crosses state lines to the Chesapeake Bay Tributary stream order, if known:
(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: Natural Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: The area was at one time surfaced coal mined.
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 3 feet Average depth: six inches Average side slopes: 2:1.
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
wetland then identify.	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: part of the stream flows thru an emergent under the road thru a short forested area thru a scrub shrub. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: The majority of the stream was under ice and snow so I could not
	Tributary geometry: Meandering Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 2%
, ,	Flow: Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime:Intermittent flowing November through April or longer. At the time of the site visit in the trib was flowing. However, the consultant has mentioned that during the summer months the trib is occasionally dry. Other information on duration and volume:
through an e	Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characteristics: The stream is confined to a meandering channel that flows mergent wetland thru a forested area and thru a large scrub-shrub wetland that runs along Morgan Run.
	Subsurface flow: Unknown . Explain findings:
	Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wack line sediment sorting shelving sediment down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining date water staining date of the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment sorting water staining date water staining date of the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting scour multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list):
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings/characteristics tidal gauges other (list): Mean High Water Mark indicated by: survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: The unnamed tributary flows to Morgan Run, which flows to Clearfield Creek, which flows

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW. ⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break. ⁷Ibid.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Water color is clear. However, the sediment is coated with an orange precipitate from Iron that has fallen out and there were coal fines as well.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: The Morgan Run watershed is located in State Water Plan 08C, which is listed as impaired by AMD by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission as part of the Unassessed water program. The watershed is listed as having high metals and low pH. The tributary has no aquatic life due to the degradation of the water quality from past mining.

 (iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): The riparian zone is made up of an emergent wetland a forest 	ted
zone than a scru-shrub wetland before flowing into Morgan Run.	
Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Several wetland areas abut the existing tributary. Wetland A is an emergent wetland	it
then flows thru a large scrub-shrub wetland that flows along Morgan Run.	
Habitat for:	
☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:	
☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:	
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up, the stream has the potential to support a fisheries (it has a large forested and scrub-shrub buffer abutting the stream) that allo	
for shading.	, , , ,
2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW	
(i) Physical Characteristics:	
(a) <u>General Wetland Characteristics:</u>	
Properties: Wetland size: Well over 10 acres of abutting wetlands. This is based on the .261 emergent wetland A and the huge scrub-shrub wetland that was not delineated but runs along the mainstem that, just by my visual observation is well over 10 acres of abutting wetlands.	
10 acres in size.	
Wetland type. Explain: emergent and scrub-shrub	
Wetland quality. Explain: the wetlands are effected from runoff from past coal mining activitiy in the area.	
However, some of the wetlands are large enough to perform storm water retention, provide for wildlife habitat and perform water	
quality benefits.	
Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:	
(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:	
Flow is: Intermittent flow. Explain: Saw flow during my visit on January 29, 2008. Consultant has only seen the areas dry during the summer months	e
Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow	
Characteristics: Surface flow overland flow was observed in areas of the wetlands and GWD was seen flowing	g
out of the coal refuse areas	
Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:	
(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:	
□ Directly abutting	
Not directly abutting	
Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:	
Ecological connection. Explain:	
Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:	
(d) <u>Proximity (Relationship) to TNW</u>	
Project wetlands are 30 (or more) river miles from TNW.	

(ii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: The wetlands are located in an area that was previously impacted by coal mining. The emergent wetland, identified as wetland A appeared to be the result of past coal mining operations. Along the mainstem, where the tributary flows into Morgan Run a large scrub-shrub wetland runs on both sides of the Run. Identify specific pollutants, if known: Heavy metals and coal fines.

Project waters are 30 (or more) aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 2-year or less floodplain.

Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters.

(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): the majority of the riparian buffers are forested and scrub-shrub
☑ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: most of the cover is emergent wetland, forested until the stream meets the
floodplain of Morgan Run. At that point there is a large scrub-shrub wetland.
☐ Habitat for:
☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Numerous deer and rabbit tracks were seen in thesnow within the
wetland boundaries at the time of the site visit. The scrub-shrub wetland has numerous dead trees that could provide nesting habitat
for bird species

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 2

Approximately (10 +) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N) Size (in acres) Directly abuts? (Y/N) Size (in acres)

Wetland A abuts **0.261 + runs off site**

wetland 2 abuts

were the trib flows to Morgan Run +10 acres

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: In general. The wetlands have opportunity to perform the following functions. Provide for some water quality (even through the watershed is affected by AMD) such as sediment filtering, storm water retention, wildlife habitat, and groundwater discharge.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION FINDINGS: 1) Landscape position and Land Use – The review area is located on land within the Morgan Run Watershed, that was previously mined for coal. The coal mining has been abandoned and most of the area is forested, emergent wetland and scrub-shrub wetland within the reach. 2) Habitat for Wildlife – There is a wide variety of habitats located in the area that could provide habitat for a number of species of mammals and birds. Within the area of review, deer and rabbit prints were seen in the snow. There are numerous dead trees seen in the emergent areas of the wetland that could provide habitat. 3) Aquatic Life – The stream is currently impacted by AMD so there is no aquatic life. However, if the project is successful and the watershed is cleaned up, the reach has the potential to support a diverse population of aquatic life due to the shading effects of the trees along the reach, and the habitat within the stream channel (dead trees and undercut banks). Sediment transport and pollutant trapping – The wetlands have the potential to filter fines from the previous mining operation and sediment from several existing dirt roads that are currently being utilized to access the Pennsylvania Game Lands that are located next to the project site. Once the tributary overflows its banks there are several wetlands that are in position to filter pollutants. 5)

Temperature – The reach has some forested areas that could lead to beneficial effects on water temperatures. 6) Flood Storage – A majority of the wetlands are in a position to provide excellent stormwater storage capacity. 7) the forested and scrub-shrub nature of

the reach provides for excellent hunting opportunities. Several shot gun shells were noted in the project area. 8) Groundwater Discharge – arise at the beginning of Channel E.

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:N/A.
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Found in the Significant Nexus Determination Findings above.
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

D.	DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALI
	THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: ☐ TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: 1) during numerous field views water was seen flowing through the tributary. Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters:no less than 400 linear feet in the reach and 30 linear feet in the project area. Other non-wetland waters: Identify type(s) of waters:
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C. Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres.
4.	 Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. ✓ Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. ✓ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: ✓ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly
5.	abutting an RPW: Tom Pluto and myself saw wetlands A and the scrub-shrub wetland directly abut the tributary. Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
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⁸See Footnote # 3.

	6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 10 +acres.
	7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or shown as Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
E.	SUC	CLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Ide	ntify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
		vide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
F.		N-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	fact	wide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR ors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional gment (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.
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Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

 $^{^{9}\,\}mathrm{To}$ complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Alder Run Engineering. Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
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	Corps navigable waters' study:
\boxtimes	U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
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_	☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
\boxtimes	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24,000 Wallaceton Qued.
	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Clearfield County Soil Survey.
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\boxtimes	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):
	or 🔀 Other (Name & Date): photos with application .
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SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1.	TNW Identify TNW:	
	Summarize rationale supporting determination: .	
2.	Wetland adjacent to TNW Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":	

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i)	General Area Conditions:
	Watershed size:
	Drainage area:
	Average annual rainfall:
	Average annual snowfall:
(ii)	Physical Characteristics:
	(a) Relationship with TNW:
	☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
	Tributary flows through tributaries before entering TNW.
	Project waters are river miles from TNW.
	Project waters are river miles from RPW.
	Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
	Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
	Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A.

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Tributary stream order, if known: General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Natural Tributary is: Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: **Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: Average depth: Average side slopes:. Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): ☐ Concrete Silts Sands Cobbles Gravel Muck ☐ Bedrock ☐ Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain: Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): Flow: Tributary provides for: Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Describe flow regime. Other information on duration and volume: Surface flow is:. Characteristics: Subsurface flow: Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: none completed. Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving the presence of wrack line vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting leaf litter disturbed or washed away scour sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events water staining abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM.⁷ Explain: If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by: Mean High Water Mark indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects survey to available datum; fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings; physical markings/characteristics vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types. tidal gauges other (list): (iii) Chemical Characteristics: Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW5: The unnamed tributary flows to Morgan Run, which flows to Clearfield Creek, which flows

to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, to the mainsttem, and crosses state lines to the Chesapeake Bay..

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

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		Identify specific pollutants, if known:							
	(iv)		Wetland fringe. Characte Habitat for: Federally Listed speci Fish/spawn areas. Exp	eteristics (type, average wideristics: es. Explain findings: lain findings: -sensitive species. Explair	lth):				
2.	2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW								
	(i)		rsical Characteristics: General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: Wetland type. Explaiting Wetland quality. Exp	n:	Explain: .				
		(b)	General Flow Relationshi Flow is: Explain:	p with Non-TNW:					
			Surface flow is: Characteristics: Surface	ce flow .					
			Subsurface flow: Explain Dye (or other) test						
		(c)	☐ Ecological connec	nydrologic connection. Exp	plain: .				
		(d)	Flow is from:						
	(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: tracterize wetland system (e characteristics; etc.). Exp ntify specific pollutants, if l	lain:	own, oil film on surface; water o	quality; general watershed			
	(iii)	Bio	Vegetation type/percent c Habitat for: ☐ Federally Listed speci ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Exp	eristics (type, average width over. Explain: es. Explain findings: lain findings: sensitive species. Explair					
3.	Cha	All	eristics of all wetlands ad wetland(s) being considere proximately acres in total an	d in the cumulative analysi	s: 2				
			For each wetland, specify	the following:					
			Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)			

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: In general. The wetlands have opportunity to perform the following functions. Provide for some water quality (even through the watershed is affected by AMD) such as sediment filtering, storm water retention, wildlife habitat, and groundwater discharge.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION FINDINGS

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:N/A.
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Found in the Significant Nexus Determination Findings above.
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: 1) during numerous field views water was seen flowing through the tributary and consultants have never seen dry. 2) The tributary receives discharges from at least 2.6 acres of wetlands. 3) Receives flow from numerous small tribs that flow into wetlands C at various locations.* due to acid mine drainage there is no aquatic life in the stream. Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters:no less than 400 linear feet in the reach and 30 linear feet in the project area. Other non-wetland waters: 2.387 acres of open water in the review area and reach. Identify type(s) of waters:

3.		n-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Pro	wide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet3width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters:
4.	We ⊠	tlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. ☑ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Tom Pluto and myself saw wetlands C directly abut the waterways. ☐ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is
		seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
wet		vide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.053 acres within the project area and at least 2.609 of within the project reach.
5.	We	tlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Pro	vide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	We	tlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Pro	vide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:
7.	As a	boundments of jurisdictional waters. ⁹ a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or shown as being bisected by several small tribs. Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
DE SU	GRA CH V	CED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY VATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 h are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
	from whic Inter	which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. h are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. state isolated waters. Explain: r factors. Explain:
Ide	ntify	water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
		estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): utary waters: linear feet width (ft).

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 ⁸See Footnote # 3.
 ⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 ¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.					
F.	If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above):					
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.					
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.					
SEC	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.					
A.	SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Alder Run Engineering.					
	 Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. ☑ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. ☑ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. ☑ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: ☑ Corps navigable waters' study: ☑ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: 					
	 □ USGS NHD data. □ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. □ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:1:24,000 Wallaceton Qued. □ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Clearfield County Soil Survey. □ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: Wallaceton. □ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): □ FEMA/FIRM maps: □ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) □ Photographs: □ Aerial (Name & Date): □ or □ Other (Name & Date):photos with application. 					
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Applicable/supporting case law: Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):					

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: